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REPORTS ON NEW AND REBUILT BRIDGES

ALUMINUM BRIDGE BUILT -- Budapest, Hireka Magyar Nepi Demokraciabol, 16 Nov 50

An aluminum bridge is being built at Szabadszallas and the supports have already been installed. The bridge was made of aluminum alloy, but its strength is that of steel.

The construction of the bridge was preceded by long experiments in the Aluminium Kutato Intezet (Aluminum Research Institute), in the Gyori Vagongyar (Gyor Wagon Factory), and in the Rakosi Matyas Muvek (Matyas Rakosi Works). These experiments were conducted for months to obtain the best kind of aluminum alloy.

The old bridge at Szabadszallas was blown up during the war. The new bridge will be put into service at the end of November, after the completion of its tracks.

The bridge will facilitate traffic between Szabadszallas and Kecskemet, and it will eliminate the round-about route that inhabitants of the region have had to use.

BRIDGE REBUILT AT MISKOLC -- Budapest, Hirek a Magyar Nepi Demokraciabol, 5 Nov 50

The Jozsef Attila bridge is being rebuilt at Miskolc. The bridge spans the Sajo River and will connect Miskolc with the northeastern part of Hungary. The bridge will have a modern reinforced concrete structure. Its main supports will be put on the pillars with the aid of cranes; thus, the use of scaffolding will be eliminated.

This bridge will be opened for traffic during the first half of December.

BAJA BRIDGE NEARS COMPLETION -- New York, Riportok es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 16 Dec 50 will be opened to traffic early in50X1-HUM The strategic Baja bridge 1951.

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BRIDGE BUILT -- Budapest, Hireka Magyar Nepi Demokraciabol, 16 Nov 50

A new bridge, spanning the Tarna River, has been built at Verpelet.

NEW STALIN ERIDGE CAN DOUBLE AS RR BRIDGE -- Budapest, Hirek a Magyar Nepi Demokraciabol, 10 Nov 50

The largest bridge in Central Europe, the Stalin bridge, was opened for traffic on 7 November 1950. It spans the Danube River, connecting Obuda and Angyalfold.

The total length of the bridge, including the Pest and Obuda approaches, is nearly 2 kilometers. Actually, this is not one bridge, but a series of bridges, connected by three large and one small iron bridge with ten entrances, four concrete bridges, and the immense semicircular, concrete, castle-like overpass from Margaret Island (Margit Sziget). The bridge is regularly open for automobile, bus, and trolley traffic.

Lajos Bebrits, Minister of Communication and Posts, pointed out that the trolley tracks may be used in regular rail traffic. Consequently until the rebuilding of the Ujpest railroad bridge, coal from Dorog will arrive faster on this more direct route.

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